

# BRIEFS

Condensed from Mail and Wire.

At quiet at Watahah, Miss., and everywhere is quietly and peaceably at work.

Lord Sackville's successor has not been appointed, and no time is fixed for so doing.

A large number of the cadets of the Virginia Military Institute have been discharged for hazing a new cadet of the 4th class.

The following fourth-class post-offices will become Presidential January 1st: Athens, Tenn.; Edenton, N. C.; Athens, Ala.

A foolish report was set afloat in Indianapolis that an attempt had been made to assassinate President-elect Harrison. There was not a word of truth in it.

The President has pardoned Benjamin Hopkins, cashier of the Fidelity National Bank of Cincinnati, on the ground of the rapidly failing health of the prisoner.

A London telegram of the 22nd says: "In the House of Commons this afternoon Goschen, acting government leader, read, amid cheers, the telegram received by the West African Telegraph company from St. Thomas, reporting the arrival of Stanley and Emin on Khartoum. Goschen stated that the government had not received any direct official news confirming this report."

## STATE NEWS.

The *News-Observer* says: Died at Suffolk, Va., yesterday morning at 5 o'clock, Mr. John A. Ennis, son of Mr. James H. Ennis, of this city. Mr. Ennis lived in Raleigh until a few years ago, when he went to reside in Virginia. He leaves a wife and three children. He was about 32 years old.

Capt. C. M. Roberts, Keeper of the Capitol, has appointed Mr. Wiley Williams, a well-known ex-Confederate soldier, watchman of that building and grounds. He also appointed Mr. Cooper, another ex-Confederate soldier, engineer of the Supreme Court building, and Mr. J. T. Henderson, another ex-Confederate soldier, has been appointed gardener of the Capitol grounds.

The Raleigh *Visitor* says: Gov. Scales issued a pardon yesterday afternoon to Wm. H. Keen, who was convicted at the February term, 1888, of Rowan county Superior court of manslaughter and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. The prosecutor and others asked the pardon on the ground that the killing was purely accidental.

Major Dowd has said to a Raleigh *News* and *Observer* reporter that he will declare a 10 per cent. dividend the last of this month for the State National Bank. This dividend will include very little of the proceeds of the sale of the bank's real estate property which will be reserved for a future dividend. Major Dowd says the sale of the bank building which brought \$100,000 will be confirmed, but that some of the other sales will not be confirmed as advance on the prices bid have been made.

## Law's Illumination.

We regret that so few were aware of the preparations to illustrate Law's elegant rooms on Friday night. It really was a beautiful sight, and well worth braving a cold night to see. A profusion of colored lights and transparencies through their many colored splendor over the marble of places were in all its manifold forms and there was a splendor in the effect that surpassed conception. We hope for the benefit of the public that there will be a renewal of the scene Monday night.

Law's certainly has a fine establishment, surpassed by few south of the Potomac and equalled by none in this State. Five large rooms, appropriated to different departments, glass and china, silver ware, Japanese goods, crockery, lamps, toys and dolls, and an impurity of attractive objects make up one of the finest stock we have ever seen.

## Promptness.

First a cold, then a cough, then consumption, then death. I took Dr. Acker's English Remedy for consumption the moment I began to cough, and I believe it saved my life. -Walter M. Allen, Washington. For sale by T. C. Smith & Co.

## SEE! SEE!

### See Here!

Every purchaser of Xmas or Holiday presents, or anything else within Pelham's Emporium, the minimum purchase being 25 cents, will be entitled to a gift at a sealed quart jar of beans. The one coming closest to the number of beans in the jar will be presented with a handsome \$10.00 plush velvet toy. Manicure Case! Call in and see this beauty. Beans to be counted January 1, 1889, by a committee of three. The beans and this lovely manicure case on exhibit.

W. E. PELHAM, 48 S. Main st., The leader in low prices in Xmas and Holiday presents. dec 20 ddt

## A Word About Prices.

Close prices suit a short season. We are well aware that the holiday season is a short one and while we have provided largely and liberally for our customers, we expect to make a thorough clearance by the virtue of low prices. We have marked on all our goods, we have priced our goods in a Christmas spirit. We want to have our share in the generous sentiment of the season. We can't give our goods away, but will do the next thing to it by making prices that are gift prices to all. Those who want to make money go to their father (and who does not), will do well to come and get our prices before they make a holiday purchase. They will find that we perform all we promise, and our promises are to be liberal in all dealings.

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Largest assortment Holiday presents in the city at Pelham's Drug Emporium. dec 20 ddt

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Extracts from the accounts of the fighting at Suakin. Before dawn this morning the 20th British man-of-war Starling and an Egyptian steamer moved up the coast with orders to cover the rebels at Handoub. At daybreak the forts opened fire upon the rebel trenches, and the troops advanced to the attack, the black brigade on the right flank and the cavalry and mounted infantry covering the Scottish Borderers. The Welsh regiment and the Egyptian brigade occupied an embankment between the forts, the British infantry being held in reserve. The forts shelled the trenches, keeping up a terrible fire. The enemy held their ground with intense courage until the black brigade charged the trenches, which fell after half an hour's hard fighting. The rebels fought with fanatical bravery. Two of the enemy's guns were captured. The naval brigade did splendid work. The Scottish Borderers are now at work on the right flank of the rebels, the enemy are retreating toward Hasheen and Tamar. The British force numbers 4,000 men.

THE STANDARD'S CORRESPONDENT AT SUAKIN sends the following particulars of the battle: "At 4:30 this morning the man-of-war Starling opened the battle by shelling the enemy's trenches. The ships opened followed suit and landed parties, who lighted fires and placed machine guns in position. This had the effect of deceiving the enemy coming from Handoub. The whole force moved towards the enemy's left flank with a naval detachment, with machine guns and cavalry, and mounted infantry, scouting and protecting the flanks and rear. The British battalions in double companies rushed towards the left corner of the enemy's trenches, the British infantry and Egyptian reserve lining the embankment between the water forts. Gen. Grenfell and staff occupied a position to the right of the water forts. From five o'clock heavy showers of grape and mortar from every fort bore on the trenches. A dispatch from Suakin says a feature of the fighting was the retreat of the rebels upon the trenches by the blacks and Egyptians. The Derwishes fought with the utmost bravery, a great many of them dying in the trenches. The charge of the Hussars is also specially mentioned. When the Derwish cavalry saw them coming they dismounted from their horses and planted their spears in the ground, but these proved no obstacle to the Hussars, who swept down upon the Derwish horse. An avalanche, cut through their ranks and left half of them dead on the ground. The Hussars then reformed and charged the remaining Derwishes, who fled. A large portion of the rebel force was not engaged in to-day's fighting, being left to the British and Egyptian forces beyond that place. It is believed the rebels will be reinforced and make an attempt soon to retake their lost position."

Suakin, the scene of the pending struggle between the Sudanese rebels and the British and their Egyptian allies, is the chief port of the Sudan and of the whole western coast of the Red Sea. The town proper lies on a small island about five miles and three-quarters in diameter, almost as long as the little bay in which it is placed, a mere tongue of water separating it from the mainland. Crossing the inlet southwards to the mainland, we step into the large suburb called El Gef, with a much larger population than the insular town, very irregular streets, and the houses mere native (Bahareen) huts. There is also a very lively bazaar, and, in the north-east of the place, the barracks, a section of which a few years ago was armed with three pieces of cannon. In the outskirts are the wells-sown by gardens and date plantations—which supply the people with drinking water, although, from the nearness of the wells to the sea, this is impracticable, and is scarcely to be considered palatable for foreign troops. Before the rise of the False Prophet, and the resulting dispersion of the tribes, the town and its suburb had a population of about 12,000. It had regular communication by sea with Suez, distant a four days' journey, and was the centre of a great caravan trade with Berber and Kassala. The chief articles of export were cotton, gum, arabic, cattle, hides, butter, tamarind, senna leaves and ivory, while the imports consisted of cotton goods, iron, wood, carpets, weapons and fancy ware. Twenty-five years ago, from 3,000 to 4,000 slaves were shipped every year to the coast of the Red Sea, but this traffic had been much less since the Egyptian government, even before the advent of the British.

Suakin was subject to Egyptian sway in ancient times, and again became a part of the Khedive's dominions, by cession from Turkey, in 1885. The British took possession of the town and the surrounding district in 1886, and made it the base of their operations in the Eastern Sudan. The facilities of the port were greatly increased by the British, who constructed five large piers to facilitate the landing of troops and supplies. Ever since the fall of Khartoum, in the early part of 1888, Suakin has been harassed by the forces of the Mahdi, but it has always been occupied by the British in sufficient force to keep the enemy at bay. During the campaign of 1884 and 1885 it was the base of the British operations under Valentine Baker and General Graham, the scene of the former's overwhelming defeat being a few miles to the south of the town.

PROGRESS OF THE PRESENT SIEGE. The present siege of Suakin began in September last when the so-called rebels began throwing shells into the town from an entrenched position within 900 yards. Reinforcements for the garrison were at once hurried forward, and Gen. Grenfell hastened to the spot, to assume the command in person. From the 23rd of September up to the time of the gallant sortie narrated in our dispatches, the rebels continued to harass the British and Egyptian forces, especially at night. At times the bombardment from the rebel intrenchments has been very severe, but all their assaults upon the town have been repulsed by the garrison, with the help of the British fleet in the harbor.

The Arab force in the trenches around the town are supposed to have numbered not more than 1,000, but many more have been lying in the adjacent bush, within a short distance of the earthworks, and there were 1,500 reserves stationed at the Handoub Wells, only eight miles distant. Many of the beleaguering forces are merely tribesmen and slaves, but there are said to be nearly 1,000 derwishes and ex-Egyptian soldiers among them. The Arabs are commanded by Osman Niah, who began the siege against the advice of Osman Digna, the chief lieutenant of the Mahdi in Eastern Sudan.

The force under Gen. Grenfell was at last accounts 6,000 strong. It consists of two brigades of Egyptian and British troops, supported by the second battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, a squadron of the Twentieth Hussars, 300 men of the Welsh Infantry, a company of mounted infantry and a small force of Egyptian cavalry and artillery.

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Shoe, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Slippers, Umbrellas, Bags, Trunks, &c. ddt H. REDWOOD & CO.

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Tickets on sale from Dec. 21st to 31st. Inclusive, limited, not good returning after January 3rd, 1889.

To Black Mountain, N. C., 80 cents; Old Fort, \$1.00; Marion, 2.50; Morganton, 3.50; Hickory, 4.50; Newton, 5.50; Catawba, 6.50; Flat rock, 7.50; Salisbury, 8.50; Marshall, 1.10; Hot Springs, 2.00; Pigeon River, 1.00; Waynesville, 1.50; Sylva, 2.50; Dillsboro, 2.00; Asheville, 3.50; Jarratt's, 4.50; Henderson, 1.10; Saluda, 1.75; Tryon, 2.25; Laurens, S. C., 2.50; Inman, 2.50; Spartanburg, 3.50.

Rates to other points will be announced later. W. A. WHEATON, D. P. A. dec 21 dtd

## Hicklen's Arizma Salve.

The best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, rheumatism, fever, scalds, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay received. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 15 cents per box. For sale by H. H. Lyons.

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## HANDS WANTED.

To work on Asheville Sewer. Apply at once to JACOB A. MADDEN, Contractors. dec 19 dtd

## NOTICE.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Asheville will be held at their Board Room on Monday, Dec. 24th, at 10 o'clock A. M. D. C. WADDELL, Secy. dec 18 dtd

## FOR RENT.

Hotel at Asheville Junction just completed, 21 rooms, besides servants' houses, with a garden and outbuildings. Also a cottage on the same place, on a beautiful street, opposite Female College. Boarding house. Apply to H. H. REDWOOD. dec 18 dtd

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## NOTICE.

The meeting of the stockholders of the Asheville Gas and Light Company which was held at the office of C. M. McClellan on the 15th inst., adjourned to meet again at same place on Saturday, Dec. 22nd, at 11 A. M. Let all stockholders attend, as important business is to be transacted. dec 18 dtd

## "RESISTANCE."

Realizing the fact that we are nearing the end of what has been a hard year for everybody, the merchant, the mechanic, the farmer and some candidates, that work is scarce and money hard to get, still Christmas is coming and if there is ever a time in the year when everybody ought to be happy, if they can, and assist in making others happy, it is the blessed Christmas times. We have prepared for this season of good feeling with these views in mind, and in our selection of Holiday Goods have considered the useful as well as the beautiful. We have not gone much into toys that are broken in an hour, but have endeavored to stock our store with goods that will be of some benefit after Christmas shall have passed. We cannot give a list of all our Holiday goods, and can only in a general way call to your mind some lines of goods from which all may be suited. In Pictures we have a 15x20 chromo in an elegant gilt frame one and a half inches wide for 48 cts., worth \$1, with a 2 inch gilt frame, nice enough for anybody for 78 cts., worth \$1.50, elegant plate glass bevel edge mirrors in oak cherry and walnut frames, beautiful goods at prices that will astonish the buyer. Wall pockets, picture frames, easels, autograph, scrap and photo albums, beautiful glasses in glass, brass, plush and china. A line of jewelry in gold, silver, oxidized and jet at half regular prices. Water sets, sets, mugs, sets, mustache shaving mugs, ink stands, odor stands, toilet sets, books, lamps, fine pocket and table cutlery. A line of vases from 6 cts., to \$3.00 each. Before you buy come and see our stock. If we can suit you in the goods we know the prices will please you. We are not selling out at cost. We could not pay rent, eat, and wear clothes if we did, but we are content with a smaller profit than any other merchant in Asheville, and buy our goods at such prices that half of the merchants in this town would save money if instead of sending off for their goods they would buy of us. We will match any article in price or quality sold in Asheville at so called cost or under cost. Come and see.

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Full line of Ladies' WRAPS AND JACKETS

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